

17, slit plate 14 and light receiving element 13 constitute a light receiving system; and these light emitting system and light receiving system constitute an optical transceiver. Besides, the above-mentioned polygon mirror 15 and motor 18 constitute an optical scanner. The optical unit main body 19 is provided with three motor fixing holes 19a for fixing this optical scanner (motor 18).

[0017] The laser light emitted from the light emitting element 11 is changed into parallel light by the collimation lens 12, passes through the aperture 16a of the aperture mirror 16, is angularly scanned in a plane which is substantially parallel with the display screen 10 by a rotation of the polygon mirror 15 and projected onto the recurrence reflection sheet 7. After the reflected light from the recurrence reflection sheet 7 is reflected by the polygon mirror 15 and the aperture mirror 16, the reflected light is focused by the light receiving lens 17 to pass through the slit 14a of the slit plate 14 and enter the light receiving element 13. However, if the indicator S is present on the optical path of the projected light, the projected light is cut off, and therefore the reflected light does not enter the light receiving element 13.

[0018] The optical units 1a and 1b are connected with light emitting element drivers 2a and 2b for driving the respective light emitting elements 11, light receiving signal detectors 3a and 3b for converting an amount of light received by the respective light receiving elements 13 into an electric signal, and a polygon controller 4 for controlling the operation of the respective polygon mirrors 15. Moreover, reference numeral 5 represents an MPU for calculating the position and size of the indicator S and for controlling the operation of the entire apparatus, and 6 represents a display device for displaying the results of the calculations performed by the MPU 5.

[0019] The MPU 5 transmits drive control signals to the light emitting element drivers 2a and 2b, so that the light emitting element drivers 2a and 2b are driven according to the drive control signals and the light emitting operation of the respective light emitting elements 11 is controlled. The light receiving signal detectors 3a and 3b transmit the light receiving signals of the reflected light of the respective light receiving elements 13 to the MPU 5. The MPU 5 calculates the position and size of the indicator S based on the light receiving signals from the respective light receiving elements 13, and displays the results of the calculations on the display device 6. Here, the display device 6 may also serve as the display screen 10.

[0020] In such an optical scanning-type touch panel of the present invention, if the explanation is given with respect to the optical unit 1b, for example, as shown in FIG. 1, the projected light from the optical unit 1b is scanned from a position where the projected light enters the light receiving element 13 in a counterclockwise direction in FIG. 1 via a position where the projected light is shielded by the light shielding member 70, and comes to a position (Ps) where the projected light is reflected by an end of the recurrence reflection sheet 7, that is, a scanning start position. Thereafter, the projected light is reflected by the recurrence reflection sheet 7 until it comes to a position (P1) where the projected light reaches one end of the indicator S, but the projected light is shielded by the indicator S up to a position (P2) where it reaches the other end of the indicator S, and

then the projected light is reflected by the recurrence reflection sheet 7 until it comes to a scanning end position (Pe).

[0021] Next, the following description will explain the internal structure of the optical units 1a and 1b, which is a characteristic feature of the present invention. Each of the optical units 1a and 1b of the optical scanning-type touch panel of the present invention is constructed by disposing the light emitting system composed of the light emitting element 11, collimation lens 12 and aperture mirror 16; the light receiving system composed of the aperture mirror 16, light receiving lens 17, slit plate 14 and light receiving element 13; and the optical scanning system composed of the polygon mirror 15 and motor 18 in the optical unit main body 19 as shown in FIG. 3. In other words, as to be described later, first, the members of the light emitting system and light receiving system are disposed in the optical unit main body 19 while adjusting the optical axis, and then the optical scanning system is disposed using the motor fixing holes 19a to construct the respective optical units 1a and 1b.

[0022] Thus, since all the optical members of the light emitting system, light receiving system and optical scanning system are mounted on a single optical unit main body 19 as one unit, it is possible to regulate the verticality and parallelism with high accuracy between the optical axis and the optical unit main body 19. Moreover, the number of parts and the number of steps of adjusting the optical axis can be reduced, thereby achieving a low cost.

[0023] The following description will explain the mounting and structure of the respective optical members.

[0024] Optical Scanning System

[0025] The optical scanning system composed of the polygon mirror 15 and motor 18 is mounted on the optical unit main body 19 with the use of the motor fixing holes 19a. FIG. 4 and FIG. 5 are cross sectional views showing examples of mounting the polygon mirror 15 and motor 18, and FIG. 6 is an upper view thereof. A motor shaft 18a of the motor 18 is inserted into a cylindrical hollow section of the rectangular parallelepiped hollow polygon mirror 15, the upper surface of the polygon mirror 15 is covered with a hollow disc-shaped press plate 21, and the polygon mirror 15 and motor 18 are fixed to the optical unit main body 19 with one screw 22. A ring 23 is interposed between the screw 22 and press plate 21.

[0026] Thus, since the polygon mirror 15 and the motor 18 are fixed at one point, the number of working steps for mounting is reduced compared with the number of working steps for fixing of the polygon mirror 15 and motor 18 at a plurality of points. Moreover, since the ring 23 is interposed between the screw 22 and press plate 21, mounting defects due to play at the lower face of the screw neck will not occur.

[0027] In the example shown in FIG. 5, the inside of the polygon mirror 15 has a spot-facing structure so that all the press plate 21, screw 22 and ring 23 are contained in the inside of the polygon mirror 15, thereby saving space in a height direction.

[0028] As shown in FIG. 6, since the outside diameter of the press plate 21 is made smaller than the diameter of the inscribed circle of the polygon mirror 15, it is possible to